

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING OF AUGUST 23, 2006
(Approved September 27, 2006)

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held their monthly meeting on August 23, 2006. Attending the meeting were Connie Megay, East Coventry Township; Cindy Pratt and Greg Lignelli, Douglass Township; Kurt Zebrowski and Ralph Fluharty, New Hanover Township; Patrick O'Neill and John Gambino, West Pottsgrove Township; Stephen Klotz, Lower Pottsgrove Township; Andy Paravis and Bud Jenschke, North Coventry Township; Elwood Taylor and Megan DeLena, Upper Pottsgrove.

John Cover – Montgomery County Planning Commission
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Bonnie L. Frisco – Recording Secretary

Robert Preston and Elaine Preston – Members of the public

1. Welcome and Meeting Called to order.

Mr. Paravis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Paravis did a roll call.

3. Review of July Minutes

The July minutes were tabled due to late delivery.

4. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Jenschke provided a Treasurer's Report. Mr. Jenschke noted that the committee might wish to consider moving some of the monies from the administration fund into the legal defense fund. Mr. Klotz moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and move to review moving of monies in January. Mr. Fluharty seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Multi-Regional Planning Commission Chairmen and Vice Chairmen Group Update

Mr. Paravis noted that a meeting of the Multi-Regional Planning Commission Chairmen and Vice Chairmen will be held on September 21, 2006 and Mr. Keith Heit of PSATs will be present.

6. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

7. New Business

Regional Recreation Plan Study Presentation

Ms. Susan Landes was not available to present the Regional Recreation Plan Study.

Concerns of lack of recreational areas in the regional were discussed.

The group had a discussion regarding the recreational needs in the region. It was suggested the Parks and Recreation Committees form an adhoc committee.

Billboard Ordinance Validity Challenge – West Pottsgrove

There was a discussion regarding the challenge that West Pottsgrove has received from Clear Channel Entertainment Group regarding billboards in West Pottsgrove. It was noted that a zoning hearing scheduled August 29, 2006 concerning such issue. It was agreed that the committee would accept Mr. Daniel Sager's offer to provide legal services pro bono.

Regional Policy for Age-Restricted Housing

There was a discussion regarding an example of age-restricted housing zoning text. Mr. Paravis and Mr. Jenschke noted that age-restricted housing promotes other types of high-density development creating additional costs to the townships and boroughs. Mr. Taylor noted that age-restricted housing should be handled within the township and boroughs.

West Pottsgrove Township Zoning Map Amendment

Discussion of the zoning map amendments in West Pottsgrove is tabled until additional information is provided.

Pottstown Borough Residential Development

Discussion of a plan (proposing 18 single-family semi-detached dwelling units on a 4.05 acre tract within the Borough's NR (Neighborhood Residential) district) in Pottstown Borough falling within 300 feet of shared boundary with Lower Pottsgrove was tabled. Discussion will resume once Lower Pottsgrove has had an opportunity to review the plans.

8. Municipal Updates

Mrs. Megay noted that two (2) rezoning requests in East Coventry Township would be coming before the Regional Committee.

Mr. Paravis and Mr. Jenschke will be attending a zoning hearing this evening for an age-restricted housing case.

Mr. Taylor noted that Farmington Avenue is still under construction due to development.

Mr. O'Neill noted the Flagg deal has fallen through and noted the development on Grosstown Road.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

Mr. Klotz moved to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Mr. Jenschke seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco
Recording Secretary